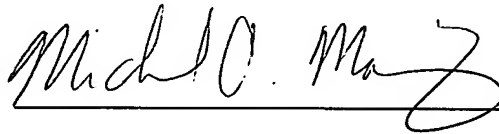


Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the application is respectfully requested. If for any reason, the Examiner is unable to allow the application but believes that an interview would be helpful to resolve any issues, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at (312) 245-5354.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael A. Massing". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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